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1. It is the consensus of all sorts of persons in Tientsin that the Chinese stand to make the following gains from a cease fire in the Korea war:
 - a. If the fighting were to continue with no help from Soviet troops, either directly or through the International Volunteer Army, there would be no way for the Chinese to win the war and a great danger of losing North Korea. The Chinese would thus lose face and suffer internal instability.
 - b. The cease fire will give the Chinese a respite and an opportunity to regroup, thus saving the Soviets from the risk of an immediate world war.
 - c. By capitalizing on conflicting aspirations of the United States and the United Kingdom, the Chinese can take the initiative in a peace offensive and force a split in the United Nations. The Chinese may thus get by diplomacy what they cannot get by force.
2. The cease fire is considered merely a delaying action by the Communist bloc, whose ultimate objectives are unchanged. The cease fire may succeed, but peace negotiations have a slim chance of fruition unless Chinese terms are accepted fully. If a split over the negotiations develops between the United States and the United Kingdom the Chinese Communists will attack Taiwan; otherwise they will procrastinate and await action by the USSR.
3. On 23 June the Tientsin Municipal Government publicity department instructed the various government organs, civic bodies, and schools on the appropriate propaganda line with regard to the cease-fire proposal and negotiations. This line includes the following material:

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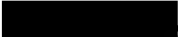



- a. Accounts of the bravery of Chinese Communist volunteers and of their victory because of the decline of the combat morale of the United Nations forces.
- b. An explanation that the Communist bloc, through love of peace and concern for the lives of soldiers hired by the Anglo-American countries, made a recommendation that a cease fire be arranged, to save Anglo-American face and to end the fighting.
- c. The statement that if the United States does not indicate during the negotiations its willingness to stop aggression and does not offer a concrete guarantee of peace, supported by actual deeds, China will protect herself and assist oppressed nations. She will be prepared to fight the United States to the bitter end until a glorious peace is won.

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 Comment. For other opinion on the effect and consequences of the cease-fire 

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